people were pure Tamilians and were ignorant of Malayalam. Lastly, the introduction of industrial and technical branches of studies in the local higher grade English school and the appointment of a non-official President for the Shencottah Municipality were urged.

Dewan's reply.—Your memo of subjects did not contain any information as to the various items about which you proposed to speak. So no definite replies can be given just now. The question of sanitation of Shencottah town was brought forward by another member and has been answered. In regard to the appointment of a separate Munsiff-Magistrate and Tahsildar, there is not sufficient work for a whole time Munsiff at Shencottah.

Member.—At least a Munsiff-Magistrate and a separate Tahsildar may be given.

Dewan.—That is part of the general question of separating the executive from the judiciary which is engaging the attention of Government. As for the appointment of Tamil knowing officers, officers serving in Tamil taluks should, no doubt, know Tamil and the question of instituting an examination in Tamil for them is under consideration.

Member.—The Tahsildar must be a competent and first rate man. He has often to deal with officers of the adjoining British territory. Formerly, the Tahsildars of Shencottah were men who were seniors in service aud who were promoted as District Magistrates.

Dewan.—Do you mean to say that the present man is incompetent ? Have you any grievances against him?

Member.—No.

Dewan.—How can we say except by his work that a man is a first-rate or a second-rate man. Who knows that the present man is not going to become a District Magistrate?

The question of industrial education is under the consideration of Government.

A non-official President will be given for your Municipality.

159. Certain needs of the Karungapalli Taluk.

Mr. Sankaran Padmanabhan (Member, Karungapalli Taluk) represented the urgent need for the following works:—

(1) Early construction of the Quilon Alleppey road.

(2) Metalling the Karunagapalli-Sastancottah road.

(3) Repairing and widening the canal from the Ashtamudi lake to Mukundapuram so as to make it fit for boat traffic at all seasons.

(4) Repairing the Krishnapuram-Kuttitheru road.

(5) Repairing the Thodiyur-Kayankulam canal so as to make it navigable.

(6) Repairing the Kulasekharapuram-Chakkuvalli road.

(7) Extending to the Pallikal-Thodiyur road the road 8 miles in length, already constructed by the people in the northern portion of the taluk.

(8) Opening of a native vaidyasala at the eastern extremity of the Tazhava pakuthi.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

160. Needs of the eastern pakuthies of the Tiruvalla Taluk.

Mr. K. M. Mammam Mappilla (Member, Tiruvalla Taluk) was permitted to speak in the place of Mr. Muraniyal Krishnan Govindan deceased. He first urged the conversion of the Police sub-station at Mallapalli into a charging station. He also requested Government to take over the maintenance of the Nedumkunnam-Aunikad road, the Tiruvalla-Mallapalli road and other roads opened by the people.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the opening of a charging station at Mallappalli, it has been reported that there is no sufficient crime in the locality to justify it

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Member.—It is not so. Many crimes are committed in the locality. If necessary, other places may be grouped and brought under its jurisdiction. A charging station is necessary. You may satisffy yourself by personal enquiry when you visit the place.

Dewan.—Yes, I shall consider. I have already answered the representation in regard to the maintenance of roads.

161. Grievances of the people of Ettumanur and how to redress them.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) in dealing with the grievances of the people of Ettumanur first urged the necessity for opening Form IV in the local English school from the next school year.

Considering the volume of trade carried on through Atirampuzha market, mercantile interests of Ettumanur should berepresented in the Assembly as in the case of Kottayam, Changanachery and other places. Besides, the taluk, as it was at present constituted, had a population of more than a lakh. The Member therefore requested that two members be allowed for the taluk.

The Member next dwelt on the necessity of bringing the whole taluk within the limits of the jurisdiction of the District and Sessions Court at Kottayam since the court at Alleppey was far away. He also spoke about the inconvenience caused to the people on account of the want of a Munsiff's Court at Ettumanur. At present the people of the taluk had to resort to any one of the three Courts at Kottayam, Minachil and Vaikam. He made pointed reference to the large number of cases pending execution proceedings in these courts and requested that Government might be pleased to open a Court at Ettumanur without delay. He suggested that the Circuit Judge should visit Ettumanur, ascertain the number of cases filed from that taluk and then place proposals before Government for final decision.

The necessity for opening a manure depōt and a demonstration farm in the taluk was then brought to notice. The taluk, the Member said, was exceptionally fit for ginger cultivation which required a large amount of cattle manure. Cattle were however not protected from slaughter by legislation and manure was not available. Hence other kinds of manure had to be tried. On that score the Member prayed for the opening of an experimental farm and manure depōt at Ettumanur.

The Member then dwelt on the necessity of improving the condition of certain important roads in the taluk. The roads from Kuravalangad to Kattampakku, Venpalli to Kadappur, from Ettumanur-Vaikam road to Manjur, Kotanallur to Onamthuruthi, from Ettumanur-Lalom road to Kudalur and Punnathura and from Kodamalur to Kaipuzha required improvement. Besides, the market canal from Atirampuzha to the backwater should be deepened and extended to Arumanur river and a canal from Venpalli to Kainakari should be investigated. The bund and sluice at Kattachira should be budgetted for next year. The Member finally dwelt on the necessity for the early repair of the Kaduthuruthi temple, the Vasudevapuram temple at Kodamalur, the Srikanteswaram temple at Manjur and the Gneezhur temple at Kaduthuruthi. He also urged the need for the construction of a *Bhajanamatom* and *Kalithattu* at Ettumanur for non-caste Hindus, as also for repairing the Ettumanur temple tank and completing the improvement of the public tank. The Member's last prayer was that two lights should be provided for the Ettumanur temple and that the Homapura, Samudayamatom and other thatched buildings should be tiled.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to raising the standard of the English school, I am told that there are only 22 boys in Form III.

Member.—There are two grant-in-aid schools in the adjoining pakuthies, *viz* Kidangur and Kuravalangad. The number of students in these institutions should also be taken into consideration. I shall undertake to provide the minimum number of students required at the beginning of the next school year.

Dewan.—I doubt whether it will be possible to raise the standard of the school by the beginning of the next year.

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